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THE PETERSBURG TROUBLE.

A Stormy Scene in the Ministers' Conference Over the Reception of a Letter.

The Ministers' Conference of Petersburg was held at the Third Baptist Church last Tuesday at 12 o'clock. Rev. H. W. Dickerson presiding. The question as to who created a new field of labor was discussed. The reports of the various ministers relative to their field of labor was listened to.

When Rev. C. B. W. Gordon's name was called he answered that he was pastor of no church.

Rev. Henry Williams read a paper on the origin of the M. B. Church in America. Editor Mitchell was introduced on motion of Rev. Henry Williams, Jr. After the reports had been heard the letter from the church of which Rev. Gordon was formerly pastor was read. Deacons Green and Cosby being present. It is as follows:—

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Harrison St., Petersburg, Va., April 29, '90.)

To the Ministers' Conference of Petersburg:

Dear Brethren:

We hereby notify you that Rev. C. B. W. Gordon a member of your Conference has been holding fellowship with a number of expelled members from our church, and is still soliciting names to get our members to join in with them. We pronounce such actions to be wrong as we have done as commanded by the Scriptures, withdrawn from those who walk disorderly. [1st Thess. 3:6] and believe he as a minister of the gospel should do like wise. We ask you as you are the proper ones to plan out for the welfare of the Baptist denomination to take the matter under consideration and condemn such actions of one in your midst. We send to represent us Deacons Spencer Green and Richard Cosby in whom we confide our interest.

Done by order of the Church at their regular church meeting held April 28th.

W. A. PENN, Clerk.

The motion was on the reception.

REV. WILLIAMS' OPPOSITION

Rev. Henry Williams, Jr., said that he was sorry that the brethren that called themselves ministers should keep up this disorder. He claimed that the Conference had no jurisdiction and he was opposed to its reception.

Rev. T. M. Bowman said that he did not believe the Conference had anything to do with it. Churches must fight their own battles. He wanted to go on record as being opposed to the reception.

Rev. Miles Walker thought that the Conference should give advice. It was time to condemn their practice of organizing churches without letters. The letter should be received and the advice given.

Rev. Callis said that the matter could be easily sympathized with. There was no fixed law by which a conference was to be governed.

[Rev. Williams: Wont the discussion of the merits of this trouble here unfit so far as sitting in council should one be called.] Rev. Callis granted that it might, but thought the advice should be given.

Rev. Williams read the law relative to Ministers' Conferences. Said he "You all know the feeling existing between this brother and me, but I will not use this conference to strike at him." He would not be two faced. He would say what he thought. The church to which the minister belonged should call him to account. If he was disorderly a council should be called.

The letter did not ask for advice. If it had, he would have been ready to give it, but it asked the Conference to condemn, this the body has no right to do. It should be sent back to the church in order that it might be sent in its proper shape.

Deacon Cosby explained that the spirit of the paper was to ask for advice. Rev. Williams insisted that the Conference had nothing to do with it. He asked of the Harrison St. Church had not received two expelled members of the High St. Baptist church (Rev. Callis pastor), Rev. Callis responded in the affirmative.

A BROAD CHARGE.

Deacons Green and Cosby explained that these two members had been received upon recommendation of Council, and was consequently in order. Revs. Williams and Miles Walker contended on the question. "Yes, you are all corrupt," exclaimed Rev. Williams. He was called to explain by the chair. He stated that he said it because the Va. Baptist State Convention had received churches organized this way and all of them were members of it. He had always opposed it.

Rev. Dickerson: "Why didn't you say, we are all corrupt. You are a member of that Convention."

Rev. Williams: "Well, I'll say we then."

Rev. Walker continued to argue in favor of the reception of the report. He insisted that the Tabernacle church organized by Rev. Gordon, was a disorderly church.

Rev. Williams: "I learned that these people were expelled after they were organized."

"That's so," some one responded. Rev. Walker said he agreed with Rev. Gordon so long as he was right, but when he got wrong he stopped. Rev. Gordon arose and said "I am



REV. H. W. DICKERSON.

Pastor of the THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH, PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA.

a Christian gentleman and do not regard your judgement as to my rightness or wrongness."

Rev. Callis called attention to the charges.

Rev. Williams: "I have no axe to grind on account of publications in the National Pilot. If the charge was against Rev. Gordon they were proceeding wrong for the Church Manual provides that two or three churches should be called when these charges were lodged against a brother. This had not been done."

Rev. Callis admitted that there might be a little personal matter between them, but was convinced that the Conference should give advice.

Deacon A. Thorbes was opposed to the reception of the letter.

THE DEACONS DISAGREE.

Deacon Cosby said that the intent of the paper was to ask advice. Some body has been troubling us. We want advice. If you tell us to go East, we will go and tell the church what you say.

Rev. Gordon: "Can I ask you a question—a simple question?"

"I won't admit of any question. My mind is not young like yours."

Deacon Green said that the committee had no right to change that paper. He did not agree with Deacon Cosby that the church only wanted advice.

A stormy scene occurred between Rev. Henry Williams, Jr., and Rev. H. W. Dickerson. Rough words were passed. As soon as it was quieted down the editor retired.

The Harrison St. church has excluded many persons for failing to respond to the orders of the church. They say if the members who are following Rev. Gordon will return and ask for their letters they will be granted.

Annual Suppers.

The Star of the west Tent, No. 28 gave its 7th Annual Supper, Friday night, April 18th at Samaritan's Hall, Navy Hill, N. 6th St. A large number was present and all heartily enjoyed themselves.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. James H. Holmes, Rev. J. Anderson Taylor and others. The supper was bounteous and those present rallied around and gave expression to their satisfaction. The Tent is in a prosperous condition under the leadership of Mesdames Martha Harris and Emily Watkins. The secretary reported that the amount paid out during the past year was \$429.39 and the amount remaining in the treasury \$610.39.

The committee were Maria Strother, Amanda Holmes, Sarah E. Ross, Eliza Smith, Martha Underwood. This is a fine showing and the Tent and its officers should feel proud of the record.

Eureka Council No. 27 I. O. St. Luke had their first annual supper at the New Odd Fellows Hall on the 18th of April 1890. The council was two years old on the 12th of April, since it has been organized they have lost 2 members.

The following are the officers: Mrs. Martha Ryland, W. C. Mrs. Pollie Jackson, V. C. Miss Julia Taylor, Chaplain; Miss Jennie Swan, Sr. C. Miss Maggie Stevens, Jr. C.; Miss Florence Wallford, O. S.; Mrs. Fannie King, I. S.; Miss Maria Scott, W. M. Miss Mattie Carter, Wardrobe keeper; Mrs. Dameletta Moore, Treas. Miss Ella Sims, R. Sec. Miss Carrie V. Walker, F. Sec.

The Council has 42 financial members. Mrs. Rachel Farrar 1st Past Chief. Past Chiefs, Mrs. Daisy Jones, Mrs. Adelaide, Mrs. Sarah Davis, Miss Charlotte Wells, Miss Carrie V. Walker, Miss Emma C. Trent, Miss Ella Lewis, Mrs. Dameletta Moore. The table was a grand affair and all did justice to the inner man.

The Presidency Tendered.

Prof. J. E. Jones, D. D., has been tendered the presidency of the State University, Louisville, Ky. He has declined the offer, and Virginia will still retain him as one of her most valuable citizens.

HENRY W. DICKERSON was born in Botetourt Co. Va., July 16, 1851. When young Henry was but eight years old his parents died, leaving him solely dependent on his generous aunt for a mother's care of a child, which he gladly received at her hands. Unquestionably, notwithstanding the kindness of his aunt, he felt the want of the care of his soul as well as the care of his body. So in 1860 he sought and embraced a hope in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and was baptized in the month of September of the same year, by Rev. Richardson, and joined the Sharon Baptist church, of which he was then pastor.

Now one of the most remarkable and greatest features in his whole life, is the realization of his call to gospel ministry at so early an age as ten years. The colored youth of the South at this time had no advantages, and there were open no channels through which he could travel successfully. He had no

SCHOOLS OF LEARNING, no Sunday schools of religious training, no theological seminaries, which he could get the training essential to his success as a theologian. So it was with him. However he awaited patiently the opportunity, and grasped it when it presented itself to him in 1865, when the Freedman's Bureau schools were opened to the Negro. He then entered the Freedman Bureau school at Staunton, Va., and studied with great energy and zeal the primary branches of study.

In 1866, on the 16th day of October he was licensed to preach by the church of which he was a member. He having a great desire to preach the gospel then, organizing the 1st colored Baptist church in Staunton Va., known as the 6th Mt. Zion Baptist church, and was ordained to the pastorate in Lexington, Va., Aug. 8th, 1868. The church under his ministry grew with great rapidity. Having a strong desire for a thorough classical training, and having been well informed of the medium through which he could get it, he then resigned his pastorate of the church and entered the Richmond Theological Seminary, of which Rev. Chas. H. Corey, D. D. is president, where he studied classics and theology until the winter of 1870, when, on December 19th, of the same year, he was

CALLED TO THE PASTORATE of Third Baptist church, in Petersburg, Va., which call seems to have been blessed of God, for the church under his zealous labors has been built up both temporally and spiritually, and is now in a thrifty condition. He did not fail to continue his studies after leaving college, but took private studies under a very learned man, and one among the best educators of his time, in the person of Rev. John D. Kelly. He studied under him Grammar, Homiletics, Rhetoric, Latin and other studies in which he is pronounced well versed. As a pulpit orator he is deep, rich and sublime. He is a man of sterling qualities, and liked by all who know him. He married Miss Maggie M. Pritchett, in the winter of 1876. His church have now in progress the erection of a new and handsome church edifice with a seating capacity of not less than 800, on a beautiful site on north Perry street, near Washington street.

He is chairman of the Minister's Conference of Petersburg, and bids fair to wield even a greater influence in this commonwealth.

They are all going to the Cantata of Ruth and Boaz at the First Baptist Church one night, and at the Fifth St. Baptist Church the next.

School Closing.

The closing exercises of Seven Pines School, taught by Miss Annie J. Williams, took place on the 27th of April. Exercises consisted of singing, recitations, etc., Valedictory address by James Vaughan, address by Mr. John B. Nash. The exercises were grand, and the children showed great improvement under the instruction of Miss Annie J. Williams.

Marshall Ward Republicans.

The colored Republicans of Marshall ward held an adjourned meeting at Pilgrim Travelers' Hall last Tuesday night, 22nd inst., and organized an association, known as the "Colored Republican Club of Marshall Ward." The object of the association, as set forth in the resolutions, was to secure the rights and just claims of the colored Republican voters of the ward in the distribution of patronage. Many stirring speeches were made, and the speakers were liberally applauded. Some of the speakers said that a report had gone out that the colored Republicans of Marshall Ward were fighting Jackson Ward, and they declared, was a libel. They were not of that opinion, and will continue to fight those leaders of the Republican or any other party, who persisted in ignoring their rightful claims to all share in the patronage of the party.

One speaker said that there were over seven hundred colored Republican voters in Marshall Ward and less than two hundred white Republican voters, that the leaders had seen fit to have the 200 white Republican voters represented by six first-class appointments in the departments while the 700 colored Republican voters had been represented by one petty appointment of a colored voter, and recently, without assigning any cause therefor, had been kicked out and a white man put in his place. The speaker asked, "Is this proper treatment of the colored men of Marshall Ward? And shall they silently submit and go on voting for the class of men who thus treat them?" The answer came in thunder tones from scores of dusky throats—"No! no! never!!"

Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., editor of the PLANET, was present early in the evening, but having pressing engagements, left before the meeting convened. Many remarks were expressed that he could not remain.

Passed Away.

JOHNSON:—The funeral of Miss Lydia Ann Johnson, who departed this life Apr. 23d took place at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Friday April 25, 1890 at 11 o'clock. Rev. A. Ferguson officiated. She was sick only three weeks. Deceased was a member of the church for ten months. She leaves a mother, two sisters, and many friends to mourn their loss. She died at the age of 17 years 3 months and 23 days. By her sister M. E. Brown.

Mrs. Elizabeth Francis Griffin, died Thursday April 24th at 12 M. at the residence of her daughter Mrs. M. J. Ellis, 512 Monroe St. Her remains were taken to Goochland County and there deposited in Sampson's burying ground with her father, mother, brothers and sisters who had gone on before her. She was sixty-nine years, nine months and three days old.

Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep: From which none ever wakes to weep. A calm and undisturbed repose Unbroken by the last of foes.

She leaves two daughters, a brother, two sons-in-law and six grandchildren with a host of friends to mourn their loss. Mrs. Griffin had many friends in the country, also, where she always resided during the summer. Her residence which her husband left her when he died, was 520 McCance St.

After her daughters were married she made her home with them. About a year ago she paid her last visit to Farmville. She was a good worker in revivals, and attended two or three meetings during her stay. She attended the revival at the Sharon Baptist church, of which her son is pastor. There she poured out her soul to God for sinners. During the two week the Lord gave us sixty-two souls.

She was the first one to make an effort to establish a church in Goochland Co., after the emancipation. She was a member of the First Baptist church.

Her funeral will be preached some time in the future, which would have been done provided her children had been present.

Sunday-School Union.

The Sunday School Union will meet with the First Church Mission S. S. Co. on 4th to-morrow (Sunday) May 4, 1890 at 4 o'clock P. M. Carols of Joy and Gospel Hymn books will be used. All are invited. R. J. Bass, President. W. H. Bass, Cor. Sec.

Personals & Briefs.

—Mr. James E. Chick of Mongohick, Va., is supporting the Seminary at Lynchburg. He expresses surprise at the inactivity of the city churches and sends for more brick cards.

—Messrs. C. F. Carter, S. A. Penn, and G. N. Marshall, of Lincoln University passed through the city last week, en route to Danville, Va.

—Rev. W. H. White, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, will baptize at 12 M. on Sunday, May 4th inst.

—We have received the Baptist Teacher, Bible Lessons, Baptist Superintendent, Our Little Ones, Our Young People, the Worker, Young Reapers and the Sunlight for May. These publications as usual are rich in choice religious literature. American Baptist Publication Society, Publishers.

—Prof. Gregory Hayes was in the city last week.

—Mr. Sydney L. Jeter, formerly of this city, now of Chicago called on us.

—Miss Everlina Moss is spending a few weeks with her parents in Chase City.

—Andrew Williams, Sheriff of Hampton, spent last Sunday in the city, with E. A. Randolph, Esq. The sheriff came to the city on Sunday for the purpose of bringing a convict to the State Prison.

—Mr. John C. Russell, Jr. who has been under the treatment of Dr. R. E. Jones for several weeks, is out again.

Rev. L. E. Miller, who teaches at Shiloh, King George Co., Va., returned to this city this week and resides at 904 1/2 N. 7th street.

—Rev. A. Wells, solicitor for the Union Baptist Church, Yale, Sussex Co. called on us. He was recommended by some of the most influential men of Petersburg and vicinity. He is en route to the North in behalf of his congregation who are trying to build a house of worship.

Mr. J. C. Farley, the popular photographer who has been so ill, is out again, looking lively.

Mr. Bryant E. Walker of Petersburg is quite sick. Mr. Thos. Garner called on us.

Mr. P. H. A. Braxton is visiting friends in Petersburg, Va.

W. J. Smith, 133 New Street, Petersburg, Va., has an attractive grocery.

Notices.

At a regular meeting of Richmond Lodge No. 8, K. of D., held April 17, 1890 William Robinson was expelled for misplacing the sum of \$28.00 belonging to said Lodge.

(SAMUEL GREEN, W. C. A. L. MONROE, R. S.

The Committees from the various churches are requested to meet in Conference at the Fifth Street Bapt. Church, Thursday evening, May 8th at 8:30.

J. F. BROWN, Chairman.

May Queen.

There will be a grand May Queen Monday night, at the 3rd St. A. M. E. Church for the benefit of the Moore street Baptist Church.

Admission, 15cts. [Children 10cts. Go and enjoy yourself.

Cantata of Ruth and Boaz at the First Baptist Church Monday evening May 12th for the benefit of the Sunday School and Sunday School Union.

ADMISSION

Lady & Gent. 25cts. Single Person, 15cts. Children, 10cts.

All members of the Committee on Cantata of the Union and Sunday Schools are requested to meet Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock P. M. Sharp at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A.

R. T. HILL, chairman.

A meeting of the voters of the 3rd Precinct Jackson Ward, will be held Thursday 8th inst. at 802 N. 2d street.

JOSEPH ALLEN, Precinct Chair. EDWARD COOK, Sec'y.

Sham Battle.

One of the grandest entertainments ever witnessed in Richmond, Va. A grand Sham Battle by the members of the Richmond Soldiers and many other visiting companies, to be given at the Exposition grounds, on July 4th, 1890. Many other amusements will be given on that day on the grounds. Look, watch and wait for the posters, hand bills, etc.

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